

Appl. No. 10/532,377
Amdt. dated Jan. 29, 2007
Reply to Office action of Nov. 3, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

General Remarks

In response to the applicant's response after final mailed November 30, 2006, the office indicated that the proposed amended claims therein were not entered, and that **claims 11-14** were allowed, **claims 5-6** were objected, and that **claims 1-3, 7-10, 15, and 17-20** were rejected.

Allowable Claims

Claims 11-14 remain unchanged, and should therefore remain allowable.

Objected Claims

Claim 5, previously dependent on claim 1, was canceled and claim 1 was amended to incorporate all of the elements of canceled claim 5. Claim 1, and all claims dependent therefrom should now be allowable.

Claim 21 was added and is a combination of previously rejected claim 1 and allowable claim 6 (which originally depended on claim 1). New claim 21 should therefore be allowable.

Rejected Claims

Claims 2-3 and 6-10 directly or indirectly depend on allowable claim 1 and should therefore be allowable. Claims 15-20 were canceled.

All claims presently pending are therefore allowable and no further issues should remain. In the unexpected event that the claims would not proceed to issuance, the representative of the applicant requests a telephone call to address such issues.

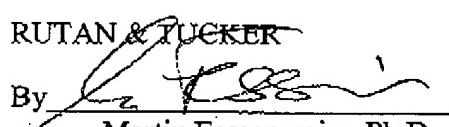
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The applicant believes that the present claim amendments are sufficient to overcome the Examiner's concerns and believes that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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